



MOTION FORM

FOR SERVAS INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY (SIGA) 2025

UPDATED: AUGUST 2025

1. Heading for the proposal in this motion (No more than 10 words)

Change Article V Section 4 to be sent in three months rather than six.

2. Date and place for this motion.

- Servas International General Assembly (SIGA)
- Dijon, France
- October 7th-8th 2025

3. SI member group(s) or SI EXCO member(s) who is (are) responsible for this motion.

Note that only SI Member Groups or SI Executive Committee (SI EXCO, Servas International's global board) may propose motions for a SIGA.

Servas USA

4. Exact wording of the proposal to be voted on.

We propose that SIGA 2025 approves that (one or more goals and/or actions):

Amend Article V Sec on 4 of SI Statutes so that agenda items can be submitted to SI President till four months before a General Assembly and the agenda is distributed to member groups at least two months before the General Assembly.

Please note that SIGA 2025 must be able to vote YES, NO or ABSTAIN on a SIGA proposal.

5. Implications on SI Statutes 2024. The SI Statutes are accessible on the internet here:

<https://servas.org/administration-archive>

Will this proposal affect the SI statutes and therefore create a need for a change in the SI statutes? If the answer is yes, please:

5A) Copy the part of the SI statutes that you suggest should be amended

5B) Write the exact proposed new wording in the SI Statutes here:

5A)

Current wording:

4) An item may be submitted for inclusion on the agenda only by a national group (represented by its national secretary), or by members of the SI Executive Committee. All items submitted by member groups must be sent to the President at least six months before the General Assembly to be placed on the agenda of the coming General Assembly. The agenda must be distributed to member groups in writing at least three months before the General Assembly.

5B)

The language of Section 4 would thus be:

4) An item may be submitted for inclusion on the agenda only by a national group (represented by its national secretary), or by members of the SI Executive Committee. All items submitted by member groups must be sent to the President at least four months before the General Assembly to be placed on the agenda of the coming General Assembly. The agenda must be distributed to member groups in writing at least two months before the General Assembly.

6. Explanation for the motion. The motivation must contain a clear description of the benefit of this proposal for the Servas community; its member groups, individual members and Servas International as an international non-governmental organisation. It should also contain information on how it is different from current practice. It should indicate how the proposal is intended be implemented. Finally, the motion should explain the metrics that will be used to measure benefits from this proposal.

SIGA 2025 should approve this motion because (one or more motivations):

Servas International should approve this motion because reducing the motion submission deadline from six months to three months will modernize and streamline our decision-making process, making it more accessible and responsive to the needs of our global membership.

In today's world, communication is faster and more efficient than ever, with instant access to translation tools and digital collaboration platforms. Requiring motions to be submitted six months in advance creates unnecessary delays and barriers, making it difficult for members and national groups to respond to evolving needs and opportunities.

By shortening the timeline, we empower more members and member countries to actively participate in shaping Servas International. This change will allow fresh ideas and necessary reforms to be considered at SIGA without being restricted by an outdated, cumbersome process. At the same time, one month still provides ample time for review and discussion, ensuring that motions receive proper consideration.

Ultimately, this motion strengthens Servas International's commitment to inclusivity, adaptability, and member-driven governance—values at the heart of our organization.

7. SI budget implications

Describe what financial resources are needed to accomplish the aims of this motion.

Use the money currency Swiss francs, which is the currency used for SI's budget:

Zero

8. Other resources needed -- time, experts with specialist competences or knowledge or other human resources.

Zero

9. Proposed timeline/timetable for accomplishing the aims of the proposal?

The proposed action should ideally:

- Start on this date: 2025-November- 1
- Be accomplished on this date: 2025-November-1

The person(s) or group(s) will report the results of this motion to SI Exco.

- ...?
- ...
- ...

10. Which person(s) writes/write this motion and is/are responsible for the proposal?

Person 1

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Mobile number(s) (Signal, WhatsApp etc) and other communication channels (if applicable):

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11. Who or which group will be responsible for accomplishing the aim/aims of the proposal in this motion? (SI committee, SI Team, SI member group or Servas individual member/members.

- SI to change the bylaws?

For SI Exco Use Only:

12. SI Exco comment on this motion

Date: 2025-MONTH-DAY

Comment:

For Minute Taker Use Only:

13. Amendments (Passed or defeated)